

REMARKS

Responsive to the Notice of Allowability mailed on February 13, 2007, and Examiner's comments contained therein, Applicants seek to clarify the record. On page 1 of the Notice of Allowability, claim 28 is indicated as having been allowed (see item 2), whereas the Examiner's Amendment on page 2 indicates that claim 28 has been cancelled. Applicants respectfully submit that the listing of allowed claims on the Notice of Allowability is in error and that claim 28 has been cancelled by the Examiner's amendment. Accordingly, Applicants seek to clarify the record to reflect the fact that the patent will issue with claims 19, 21-27, 31, 32, 34-36, and 38-45.

As a separate matter, Applicants wish to clarify the record with respect to the amendments to claims 31 and 38 introduced by the Examiner's Amendment. In both claims, the phrase "selected from the group consisting of animal cells and animal tissue" was inserted into the preamble following the term "living system." Applicants agreed to this amendment with the understanding that such an amendment would not exclude an animal *organ* as a "living system." Thus, it is Applicants' understanding that animal organs are within the scope of living systems to which the methods of claims 31 and 38 (and claims depending therefrom) may be applied.

No amendments to the claims or specification are submitted herewith, thus the present communication introduces no new matter. Therefore, entry of this communication is submitted to be proper. Accordingly, entry is respectfully requested.

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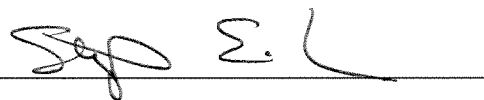
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In the event any matters remain to be resolved in view of this communication, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned so that this application can proceed to issue without delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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